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SEEKING TO AVERT STRIKE OF 70,000 IN NEW YORK CITY

City and State Officials Active, While Federations In New York and Brooklyn Are Making Plans for Sympathetic Walk-Out.

Violence Marks Street Car Operations—Shot Fired Into Elevated Train Miss Passenger By Inches—Strikebreaker Dies.

New York, Sept. 15.—Although union leaders have virtually abandoned the hope that Mayor Mitchel and the public service commission may bring about an amicable adjustment of the differences between the striking street railwaymen and their employers, the belief was strong in official circles today that some action would be taken within the next 24 hours to avert the threatened sympathetic strike of 70,000 trade unionists.

The Central Federated Union of Manhattan is to hold a special meeting today to consider the advisability of joining in a strike that "will surround New York." The Brooklyn Central Labor Union, comprising 95 local unions, already has voted in favor of such a strike.

During the night, violence broke out anew. From midnight until early today, Sixth and Ninth avenue elevated trains were almost continuously bombarded with bricks, stones and other missiles. Many car windows were broken and one guard was injured.

The police report that a shot was fired at a Ninth avenue train and that the bullet fastened itself against the woodwork after grazing the shoulder of a passenger.

Service on the subway and elevated lines continues normal. The surface lines are still crippled. The executive committee of the Socialist party of this city announced today that as a result of the strike the party would institute a campaign for the municipal ownership of all transit lines in the greater city. The first of a series of mass meetings at which the project will be discussed is to take place Sunday.

Despite the assertion of traction officials that strike breakers were no longer employed, police reported today that strikebreakers were operating most of the cars of the Third avenue and Union railroad systems in Manhattan and the Bronx.

The second death among strikebreakers was reported today. Michael Glantz, 27 years old, died from a shot wound received in a car barn last Saturday during an altercation.

President's Sister Is Failing Rapidly, Her Physician Says

New London, Conn., Sept. 15.—Mrs. Annie E. Howe, President Wilson's sister, gravely ill here, is growing steadily weaker. A bulletin issued today by the attending physician, Dr. H. M. Lee, says:

"Mrs. Howe has been growing weaker for the last 13 hours."

PRESIDENT TO RETURN

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 15.—President Wilson received word today that his sister, Mrs. Annie E. Howe, who is ill at New London, Conn., was sinking rapidly. Tentative plans were made immediately for his departure for New London later today.

In case Mrs. Howe dies, it was stated, the President probably will go to South Carolina for the funeral.

ABLE-BODIED MEN CAN EARN "EATS" EASILY, SAYS COURT

Almaize Malloux of Chicopee Falls, Mass., was sentenced to the state reformatory yesterday afternoon by Judge Tuttle in the criminal superior court after the young man had been found guilty of stealing \$15.59 from the Smith-Murray Co. Malloux said he was "up against it strong and needed something to eat," but the court said, "There is no excuse for an able-bodied man going hungry in Bridgeport."

FARMERS PLAN UNION

Springfield, Mass., Sept. 15.—Plans for the formation of a farm and business union to cover the New England states were discussed at a conference of farmers and business men, which opened here today. Theodore N. Vall, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., came here to make the opening address and Wilson H. Lee, of New Haven, Conn., president of the New Haven County Improvement league, was selected to act as temporary chairman.

THE WEATHER

Weather: Showers this afternoon; fair and much cooler tonight and Saturday.

FIVE FAIRFIELD COUNTY ORPHANS ILL OF TYPHOID

Asylum Is Scene of Epidemic of Typhoid—Names of Victims Withheld

(Special to The Farmer.)
Norwalk, Sept. 15.—Two children who were committed to the Fairfield County home from Bridgeport are included in the five victims of typhoid fever which has spread over the home during the last two days.

Two of the children are from Danbury, one from Easton and the others from the Park City. Their names will not be divulged by the home authorities, but it is known they range in age from 3 years to 11.

The health department of Norwalk and Health Officer William J. Tracey have started an investigation to determine the source of infection. As a precautionary measure the milk supply of the home has been cut off, although the officials do not definitely attribute the typhoid to milk.

MRS. NEFF FINED \$25 FOR ASSAULT ON DALLIS GIRL

Attired In Silks Attracts Attention In City Court Room

Attired in a faultless black silk gown and picture hat, "Carrie Starr," Mrs. John Neff, of Chicago, who smashed a pitcher in the face of her husband's vaudeville partner, Miss Lillian Dallas, of New York, last Thursday evening near Main street and Fairfield avenue, appeared in the police court this morning to answer to the charge of assault.

Mrs. Neff was defended by counsel and did not take the stand in her own behalf, occupying a seat in the rear of the court room. Miss Dallas, her face severely swollen and discolored, testified that she had never seen Mrs. Neff, that the assault was unprovoked and that she was knocked unconscious by the first blow as received at the hands of Mrs. Neff. Judge Barlett imposed a fine of \$25 on the defendant, which she paid.

Workman May Die From Injuries He Received In Fall

John Fido, 23 years of age, of 244 Charles street, may die as a result of injuries suffered in a fall of about 25 feet from the building at 105 Broadway street, at 10:10 o'clock this morning. He was removed in the emergency ambulance to the Bridgeport hospital, suffering concussion of the brain and several broken ribs and severe internal injuries.

Negro Molders On Job, Pequonnock Foundrymen Quit

The Pequonnock foundry has employed negro molders at its plant in the North End. Ten molders and a foreman walked out yesterday, according to P. F. Duffy, organizer of the Federation of Labor.

A strike is in progress Union heads report that the negroes have been transferred to and from their boarding houses in handsome automobiles, and supplied with cigars.

Boy's Nose Broken When Auto Hits Him

Reginald Tinkal, five years old, of 723 Stillman street, was struck by an automobile driven by James Sullivan, at Stillman and Hallett streets, at 9:10 o'clock this morning, suffering a fracture of the nose, right foot and leg, and severe face lacerations. He was taken to the Bridgeport hospital.

GEORGE E. DOWNS SEEKING SEPARATION

George E. Downs of this city has brought divorce proceedings against Clarice E. Downs of New York. In papers filed today in the superior court he alleges desertion. July 2, 1912. The couple were married in January, 1910, at Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. Downs' maiden name was Clarice Richards.

GOLD CONGESTS ASSAY OFFICE

New York, Sept. 15.—The congestion of the local assay office, resulting from the pouring of more than \$50,000,000 in gold in ten days, has necessitated the deposit of \$10,000,000 in the Philadelphia mint. The gold brought in since the movement began in the second week of May now amounts to \$254,500,000, of which approximately \$75,000,000 has been sent to Philadelphia.

HEALTH BOARD'S INSPECTORS WILL SMASH CROCKERY

Start Tomorrow to Destroy Germ-Harboring Dishes In Lunch Rooms

CHECK UP WORK OF CLEAN-UP CRUSADE

Saloons Most Prompt to Comply With Orders—One New Plague Case

Local customers of quick cuisine may be treated to a carnival of crockery cracking if the plans of Chief Inspector C. Howard Dunbar are carried out. Backed by the health department, Mr. Dunbar proposes to complete the job whenever he or his inspectors find a cracked cup, saucer or plate in a lunch room.

Mr. Dunbar maintains that cracks in cups, etc., are congested tenements for germs. In fact, he believes, if there is one place a germ likes to take out its existence after a bottle of milk, it is in the cracks of dishes. The feminine germs especially find osculatory advantage in a location at the rim of a coffee cup.

The inspectors will set out on this mission tomorrow and will begin checking up on the results of a notice that will reach 15 restaurants in the morning. The notice contains a copy of an ordinance relative to the common use of drinking cups.

It states that no cup, drinking glass or similar article may be exposed for public use in any place unless it has been thoroughly cleaned and sterilized. A fine of not exceeding \$25 is provided.

It is expected the ordinance will have effect of eliminating the possibility of persons using an unwashed glass at a water stand or fountain in a restaurant. It is expected either sanitary cups will be provided or waiters will supply diners with a glass or cup that has been sterilized.

Chief Inspector Dunbar has completed a list of approximate figures for the work done by the new force of inspectors since Dr. Abraham Sophian instituted his campaign here about July 13. Under the guidance of Dr. Sophian, the inspectors caused improvements to be made in tenements, lodging houses, saloons, ice cream parlors, stables, cesspools, etc.

Of about 550 tenements examined by the inspectors, 262 are now reported O. K. The changes included improvements in light, toilet facilities and sleeping arrangements. In some overcrowded places, some of the latest corners were ordered out. It is not known whether or not they have remained out because there has been no reinspection.

Of 810 saloons inspected and given orders, only four or five have failed to comply. Of about 200 ice cream parlors, nearly all have complied with the orders. Where running water was not installed as ordered, sanitary cups have been adopted.

Thirty-two cesspools were cleaned or reconstructed, the wastes found generally good. Three found one north of Fairfield avenue, one south, and one in the East End have been assigned to see that manure is not allowed to stay on the ground, but that bins are provided and ventilated.

One new case has been added to the list of poliomyelitis victims, that of Margaret Schread, aged seven, daughter of Mrs. John Schread, police department stenographer.

PROVIDE FOR EVENT OF RAIN TONIGHT AT MASQUE PRODUCTION

If there is no rain after 8 o'clock this afternoon the Shakespearean performance at Boardwalk park will be held as scheduled tonight. Should it rain after 8 o'clock, the tickets for tonight's performance will be exchanged for that of tomorrow evening.

ACCUSE PERRY OF SERIOUS ASSAULT

Charged with seriously assaulting Mrs. Belle Smith of North avenue, Christian Perry of this city was arraigned before Judge Tuttle and a jury in the criminal superior court this afternoon. He denies his guilt and his counsel, Attorney Samuel Reich, is preparing to fight the case to a finish.

Mrs. Smith, who is about 38 years old, says Perry entered her yard one night last month and attacked her. Counsel for the accused attempted to show that the woman's reputation was not of the best but testimony offered by Detective Feeley and other members of the police department showed Mrs. Smith's character in the neighborhood was above reproach. The trial was still on at press hour.

PLAN TO PERFECT ORGANIZATION OF GARMENT WORKERS

A special meeting of the executive committee of Corset Workers' Union, No. 33, will be held in this city tonight to perfect plans of complete organization of the industry. Vice president John Pierce of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and P. F. Duffy, organizer of the American Federation of Labor, will be present at the meeting. The outcome is awaited with keen interest by the many corset workers in Bridgeport.

YALE BATTERY HOME

Danbury, Conn., Sept. 15.—A special train of 20 cars bearing a detachment of the Yale battery passed through Danbury at eight o'clock this morning enroute for Yantic.

AGED GREENWICH HERMIT ADMITS ATTACKING CHILD

Judge Tuttle Lenient With Man of 68 Years On Account of Mentality

LURED LITTLE GIRL INTO LONELY CABIN

Intimation That Had He Been Responsible, Prison Would Have Been Lot

William Trumbull, a 68-year-old hermit of Greenwich, pleaded guilty in the criminal superior court this morning to the charge of seriously assaulting eight-year-old Sallie Howland of Greenwich. He escaped with a sentence of three months in jail because Judge Tuttle was convinced the accused is feeble minded.

The court said that when young men in full possession of their faculties are charged with crimes of this character he believes in imposing a severe sentence but in the case of an old man he finds there is generally something lacking mentally.

Trumbull, who is a shabby little man, has lived for years in a small hut on the outskirts of Greenwich. On July 10, the Howland girl passed by the hut when she heard a groan. She went to the door and peering inside saw Trumbull sitting on a bed. He persuaded the child to enter and then attacked her. Trumbull's counsel said the man was in poor health and could not live long.

MAINE TEACHER IS CHOSEN FOR S.H.S. HEADSHIP

R. Edgar Fisher of Elliot Selected to Succeed William B. Noyes

(Special to The Farmer.)
Stratford, Sept. 15.—R. Edgar Fisher of Elliot, Maine, was appointed principal and instructor for the Stratford High school at a special meeting of the board of education held last evening at the education hall. To fill the vacancy left by William B. Noyes, who has accepted a position as instructor of mathematics at the Stonington High school.

Mr. Fisher is a graduate of Bowdoin college, Brunswick, Me., and has had six years' experience. He taught at Elliot High school for a year. In the last few years he has been a member of the High school faculty at the Washington High school, Washington, Conn. The new instructor is married and has a family. The salary attached to the position will be \$1,500 a year.

William B. Kelsey, superintendent of the public schools, is desirous of having any person in Stratford who know of suitable rooms or board for teachers to notify him at once.

Remembering Numbers

On Bills, Gets "Goods" On Suspected Thief

John Theodoreakus, of 178 Gilbert street, a lunch room employee, is an ardent devotee of preparedness against theft. Possessing \$14, including two \$1 bills, he took occasion to note certain numbers, which are barely discernible with the naked eye on the bills, before retiring at 2 a. m. this morning.

Carefully placing the money under his pillow he awakened to find it gone. Suspicion was directed toward John Kostas, a fellow roomer at the house, 178 Gilbert street. He was arrested and a search disclosed \$60. Theodoreakus immediately told the police the numbers of the bills, which they were unable to decipher until a microscope had been procured.

Confronted with this unmistakable proof of his theft, Kostas, according to the police, admitted stealing the money while his victim slept and wants to make restitution to escape punishment.

DRIVERS' STRIKE SETTLED

New York, Sept. 15.—A threatened strike of several hundred drivers of milk wagons was averted here early today when a committee representing the men reached a satisfactory agreement with their employers. Eighty-five drivers who had refused to take out their wagons this morning returned to their work when the settlement was announced.

TWO AUTO THEFTS

The police today reported the recovery of a stolen automobile and the theft of another. The machine owned by Arnold Block, which was stolen Wednesday, was found this morning, abandoned, in a field at Suffield. Nathan Gilman of 12 Colorado avenue reported to the police the theft of his machine last night, from Gilbert street.

BRITISH SMASH THROUGH GERMANS' THIRD LINE OF DEFENSES ALONG SOMME

EXAMINE HOUSING IN OTHER CITIES OF NEW ENGLAND

Bridgeport Planners Getting Ideas From Dwelling Plants of East.

Comparative examination of big municipal and industrial communities has been begun by the heads of the Bridgeport Housing Co. that the defects of previous projects may be overcome and Bridgeport be assured of the highest type of houses consistent with prevailing wage scales.

General Manager of the Bridgeport Housing Co. Frederick C. Blanchard, following a trip through the larger cities of Massachusetts today reported his impressions on various private and co-operative developments to a full meeting of the board of directors of the company.

As a result of his visit to these cities it has been determined that many of the previous projects were either fostered on a scale too high for Bridgeport, lacked the exterior beautification necessary to make them permanently attractive as rents in this city, or were of types of construction inadequate for Park City needs.

The cities visited were Salem, Jamaica Plain, Boston, Hopedale and Worcester, Mass. Another trip through the famous garden spots of Long Island and New York will be made by Blanchard next week.

To have intimate control of the details of building for the Bridgeport Housing Co. this building committee was appointed today to act in conjunction with the general manager: George M. Eames, Samuel L. Hawley and David S. Day. It is understood that under their direction the types of houses to be erected, the general construction work and purchase of materials needed will be planned.

In the detailed report submitted today by Blanchard it would appear that the great number of Massachusetts building projects lacked that exterior attractiveness consistent with cheapness of rental or sale value. The plainness of exterior in some of the industrial construction work was such that it caused employees forced to live in the houses to seek work in other cities. On the other hand, Jamaica Plain, near Boston, a type of houses was found where rentals were so high as to be prohibitive in Bridgeport.

Properties of the Naumkeag Cotton Co. at Salem, Mass., of frame and stucco, were found to be of the banded four family type. The Charles River apartments in Boston were too high class. The Draper Co.'s buildings at Hopedale, Mass., housing about 400 families, were found desirable from an architectural standpoint. The Norton Grinding Co.'s housing at Worcester was admirably located and though the houses are small may be considered in future plans of the local company.

BUILDING NEW Y.W.C.A. MAY SUFFER DELAY

University Club Hasn't Decided What to Do With Option It Holds

Two factors of delay have entered into the project for a new administration, dormitory and cafeteria building for the Young Women's Christian association, which may materially postpone its completion.

The prime factor for delay is said upon authority to be the contract entered into between General Henry A. Bishop and the University club for lease with option to purchase the old (\$250,000 per annum) building.

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TWO DEATHS OF POLIOMYELITIS IN SAME FAMILY

Antoinette Clapp of Monroe Succumbs Today, Following Demise of Brother

The second death from poliomyelitis since Sunday in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson A. Clapp of Monroe, occurred today when their little daughter, Antoinette, B. Clapp, succumbed. On Sunday Omar Billings Clapp, the six year old son of the couple, died in Hillside Home after an illness of 30 hours. His sister was not then ill.

The children's father is treasurer of the Clapp Fire Resting Co. of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Clapp have one other child. The funeral of the little girl was held privately this afternoon and burial was beside her brother in the private burying ground on her parents' estate in Monroe.

Paralysis Warning In Shore Districts

Eight new cases were reported from various sections of the Connecticut to the state board of health yesterday. Stamford reported two new cases and one each was reported from Mansfield, Groton Borough, Greenwich and New London. The map showing the spread of the disease was slightly changed yesterday in the office of the state board of health. White pins have made their presence on the chart. They indicate suspicious cases and have been placed on the map near the region of New Milford and Monroe. The chart indicates that the disease is waning along the shore districts. It seems to have increased in the northeastern part of the state. There are now 682 cases in Connecticut.

New York, Sept. 15.—There were in this city 42 new cases of infantile paralysis, six more than yesterday, and ten deaths, a drop of one, according to the health department report.

Hartford, Sept. 15.—Six additional cases of infantile paralysis were reported to the state board of health from these towns: Monroe, Williamstown and Stratford, one each; New Haven, 3. Total reported to date 668.

MORE BUSINESS PLACES PLANNED FOR MAIN STREET

Neighborhood of State Armory Will Be Scene of Construction Activity

The Connecticut State Armory will soon be the center of business activity. With yesterday's announcement that a large business block would be placed on the site of the old Franklin street it was learned today that other buildings are projected on both the north and south sides of the armory and opposite it.

Morris Rome will erect a brick block of stores and apartments at the northeast corner of Lumber street, Mendelson Brothers will erect a block on the lot to the north of the armory in addition to that which is now being erected for them on the opposite side of Main street and Franklin and Frank Jacoby, the clothier, has also purchased in the vicinity with the object of erecting store and apartment building.

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Make Further Gains Near Pozieres—Advance at Various Points on Whole Front Ranges From 2,000 to 3,000 Yards.

London, Sept. 15.—The British in their offensive along the Somme have broken the German third line of defense and have taken the village of Flirs, two miles north Ginchy, according to reports received by Reuter's Telegraph Co. today.

British forces today are also reported to have gained the outskirts of Martinpuich, a mile and a half east of Pozieres, the report adds.

The British returned to the attack on the Somme front last night, charging over a sector about six miles long. The war office announced today that they had advanced from 2,000 to 3,000 yards and were continuing to progress.

The attack was made along the whole British front, over which the heaviest fighting has been in progress recently. The British advanced on the line from Bouleaux Wood, between Comblis and Ginchy, to a point north of the Albert-Bapaume Highway.

Preceding this morning's extensive offensive movement, the British last night drove onward southward of Thiepval and captured about one thousand yards of German trenches including a strongly fortified position.

FRENCH TAKE TRENCHES

Paris, Sept. 15.—North of the Somme the French last night captured a series of German trenches and advanced as far as the village of Raucourt, the war office announced today. On the Verdun front two German attacks were repulsed.

BRITISH LOSE 2,000 MEN

London, Sept. 15.—Renewed or heavy fighting in Mesopotamia, with the British on the offensive is reported in a delayed official statement issued at Constantinople on Sept. 9. The British are said to have lost 2,000 men in one engagement.

HESSIAN PRINCE DIES IN BATTLE IN THE BALKANS

Frederick William, Killed In Action, Berlin War Office Says

Berlin, Sept. 15, via London.—Prince Frederick Wilhelm of Hesse has been killed at Kara Orman, it was officially announced by the war office today in its report on operations on the Balkan front.

COURT DISMISSES MITCHELL CHARGES AGAINST PRIESTS

New York, Sept. 15.—The charges by Mayor John P. Mitchell against a number of Catholic priests, together with the counter-accusations against Police Commissioner Arthur Woods, arising out of disclosures last summer of telephone wire tapping by Supreme Court Justice Greenbaum.

Alleged Murderer Leaps From Train; Is Seriously Hurt

New York, Sept. 15.—Arthur Waltonen, who was arrested in Ironwood, Mich., in connection with the murder of Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, a wealthy widow of this city, in September of last year, leaped from the New York Central train on which he was being brought to this city in the custody of detectives early today as it passed through Harmon, N. Y.

The train was brought to a stop and Waltonen was found in a ditch at the side of the tracks severely injured. He was carried to the train which resumed its journey to this city. On arriving here Waltonen was removed to a hospital. His condition is said to be serious.

Gross earnings of Atlantic Steel Co., for the eight months ended Aug. 31, were \$574,714.